

Archaeology News



New Indiana Archaeology Travels in Time document- The DHPA website now features a new Indiana Archaeology travel itinerary at http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/bin/travelsarchaeo.pdf.
 This document highlights just a selected number of the

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places that you can visit in Indiana to learn about archaeology and archaeological sites. Information has been gathered from various locations and web pages and compiled for the public. We hope that you enjoy this travel itinerary, as well as the others which are provided, and that you visit a number of these locations in the future. As you all know, there is much to see and learn about in the Hoosier state.

• Another busy Spring- The DHPA archaeologists have once again had a busy beginning of the spring season. Several investigations have taken place regarding projects, accidental discoveries, and potential damage to archaeological or cemetery sites. As always, if you know of any potential violation of the law (IC 14-21-1), do not hesitate to contact our office or law enforcement officials.



State Archaeologist Dr. Jones viewing some displaced gravestones during a recent investigation.

• Geocaching and Archaeology- An information bulletin regarding Geocaching activities on Indiana DNR properties is now available online at http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/pdf/InfoBulletin46_Geocaching.pdf. For those not familiar with it, geocaching is a game that involves using GPS technology and hiding "caches" in locations for others to find. The bulletin explains the license applications, general prohibitions, limitations, and requirements. In relation to archaeological resources, the information bulletin states the following: "a cache cannot be approved for placement in a sensitive archaeological, historical, or

ecological area." In addition, it is stated that "a person must not dig or otherwise disrupt the ground when placing a cache." For further information, please consult the bulletin.

• <u>Correction to January Archaeology News item</u>- In the January edition, we reported that 58 hectares of Indiana land were archaeologically surveyed during 2004. This figure was only for the grant-funded projects which were conducted. The amount of acreage for non-grant funded projects was 6,765 hectares. So, as you can see, quite a lot of land was covered in order to address archaeological resources last year!

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpagewww.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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